



# Township of Holmdel

COVID-19 Update  
April 21, 2020

## Message from Mayor Buontempo:

Good evening. This is Mayor Greg Buontempo and I have three updates tonight.

First, yesterday Governor Phil Murphy said he will provide a “broad blueprint” by the end of this week on how the state will begin to reopen. While the governor said he will not include a specific date on when people can expect to have the restrictions lifted, it will include key benchmarks that must be met, including the availability of broader testing. This is a positive sign that the numbers are beginning to stabilize and we are beginning to plan for next steps. However, I must stress that the only way to move forward is for us to continue the social distancing measures for the time being. I thank you for your cooperation.

Second, for the past several days, the testing site at PNC Bank Arts Center has remained open until 4pm because they have not exhausted their testing capacity for each day. If you or someone you know is exhibiting symptoms and is in need of a test, the testing center is open to the public on Wednesdays, tomorrow, and Mondays from 8am-4pm. If you are looking to avoid the line, officials are recommending going in the afternoon after lunch.

Finally, in Holmdel we understand that many members of our senior and high risk community have been homebound for several weeks now. In an effort to spread some optimism during this difficult time, our recreation department is launching a cheer card campaign. We are enlisting Holmdel residents of all ages to help spread some happiness by creating letters, artwork, and inspirational messages for neighbors. Please drop off all cards to Town Hall in a box labeled “Cheer Cards” by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will then distribute them to others in our community. We will be sharing with the long term care and assisted living communities but if you or someone you know would like to receive a note of hope, email me at [mayor@holmdeltownship.com](mailto:mayor@holmdeltownship.com). This is part of our ongoing effort to come together and show that we are Holmdel Strong.

As always, please stay home, stay healthy and stay safe. Goodnight.

*Total Positive COVID-19 Cases in Holmdel: 155*